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Just a heads up that that there is a story claiming that oil has impacted Caddo Lake. Our teams have not observed oil impacting the Lake and believe those claims to be false. The response phase of the incident is nearing completion as most of the recoverable oil has been removed. As in most oil spills, booms and underflow dams will remain for a time to allow any residual oil to be collected and removed. Of note, the area is expecting rain on Tuesday which should demonstrate the effectiveness of the response actions. If all goes well, we expect our resources to demobe midweek.

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Pipeline Spill Reaches Only Natural Lake in Texas, Despite EPA and Sunoco Claims

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[oil sheen]<http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/oil-sheen.png>On October 13th Sunoco Logistics' Mid-Valley pipeline leaked at least 4,000 barrels of crude oil into Tete Bayou, a tributary that feeds Caddo Lake. For the last two weeks Sunoco has maintained that no oil has reached the lake itself, claiming that the spill was fully contained within the tributary. The EPA is also covering for Sunoco, insisting no oil has reached Caddo Lake, which is a major source of drinking water for thousands. Surprise! Sunoco and the EPA are wrong. Again.

"We've had reconnaissance on the spill pathway by foot, by boat and by air," Bill Rhotenberry, area EPA investigator, saidhttp://www.popularresistance.org/4000-barrels-of-oil-spill-from-louisiana-pipeline/. "The oil has not reached the lake. The oil is approximately four tenths to five tenths of a mile upstream."

It is almost always the case that whenever oil spills the corporation responsible lies about the harmful impacts and unfortunately our regulators often do very little to shine a light on the realities of the damage. The Caddo Lake spill is no exception. When Tar Sands Blockade heard the claim that "no oil had reached the lake," we found that very hard to believe. We sent a small team to check it out for ourselves and as you can see, oil has very clearly reached the lake itself.

The amount of oil that has reached Caddo Lake is hard for us to estimate, suffice it to say it's enough to burn the nostrils and cause headaches. The stench was overwhelming at times, and the oil thick enough to coat the sides of our canoe.

[overlead caddo]<<u>http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/overlead-caddo.jpg</u>>

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It needs to be said that Sunoco and the EPA must be aware of this fact and both seem to be intentionally misleading the public. This overhead photo of where Tete Bayou meets Caddo Lake shows containment booms across most of bayou inlet; however, the booms DO NOT completely encircle the mouth of Tete Bayou and oil is freely flowing around them. Close up photos of the cloth booms reveal that some oil is being captured in the lake itself, yet nowhere in any news reports has this information been made public.

The Mid-Valley pipeline has spilled 40 times in the last 8 years. The law firm helping impacted residents reportshttp://hhklawfirm.com/author/heather/> that, "Property damages caused by these spills and leaks total at least \$7.5 million. In 2000, 63,000 gallons of oil spilled into Campit Lake in Claiborne Parish, Louisiana, due to pipeline corrosion. About 260,000 gallons spilled into the Kentucky River due to a rupture caused by girth weld failure in a pipe laid in 1950. Construction crews struck the pipeline in Burlington, Kentucky, causing 115,000 gallons to spill, 80 homes to be evacuated, and oil contaminating the sanitary sewer system and a creek. Approximately 20,000 gallons leaked into a nature reserve near Cincinnati in March, 2014 through a bottom-side dent that contained a five-inch through-wall crack in the pipeline. The spill was only discovered when public complaints came in about the odor. Remediation efforts are still underway over seven months later."

[boom 3]http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/boom-3.png

Cloth boom on Caddo Lake, evidence oil has reached the lake itself

To add insult to injury, federal pipeline regulators (PHMSA) have already given the green light for Sunoco to restart the Mid-Valley pipeline despite an admission http://www.philly.com/philly/business/20141028 Business news in brief.html> by Sunoco spokesman Jeffrey P. Shields that "The cause of the failure is undetermined." The Mid-Valley pipeline is 65 years old! Evidently it is not fit for operation, since over the span of the last eight years it has spilled an average of once every 10 weeks. Nonetheless, PHMSA can find no reason to prevent Sunoco from resuming regular operations. The pipeline delivers crude oil from Longview, Texas to Midwestern refineries and terminates near Detroit. [boom 1]http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/boom-1.png

Contaminated water flowing around Sunoco's containment area. Evidence that oil is able to flow out into Caddo Lake.

Sunoco now claims that it has recovered over 3000 out of the roughly 4000 barrels that spilled, yet it also admits that is does not know exactly how many barrels spilled, it can only estimate. So far over 400 dead animals have been found by work crews, and by all accounts there is still a lot of area where remediation has not yet even started. In the area we investigated, the lack of marine life was noticeable. We spent hours in the bayou and never saw so much as a frog. The water surface, usually dancing with insects, was devoid of life. [boom 2]http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/boom-2.png>

View of perimeter of containment area. Once again, oil is moving around the absorbent booms out into Caddo Lake.

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- * Day 8: Over 60 People Blockade Chevron Tar Sands Refinery in Utah -- NYC and DC Call Out TD Bankhttp://www.tarsandsblockade.org/weekofaction-day8/
- * Day 7: Six Arrested for Actions At TransCanada, TD Bank, John Hancock Life Insurance Offices http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/weekofaction-day7/>
- * Day 6: Twenty Arrested for #NoKXL Actions in Washington, DC Hundreds March with Idle No More in Seattlehttp://www.tarsandsblockade.org/weekofaction-day6/
- * Day 5: TransCanada Office Shut Down Big Banks Called Out For Bankrolling Coal & KXLhttp://www.tarsandsblockade.org/weekofaction-day5/
 - * Day 4: TD Bank Slammed As Tar Sands Profiteer
- http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/weekofaction-day4/

* Day 3: Blockades and Bikes From Coast to

Coast<http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/weekofaction-day3/>

- * Week of Action Kicks Off With Creativity Across the Country<http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/weekofaction-kickoff/
- * Red Lake Chippewa Discover Enbridge Tar Sands Pipelines Through Nation-Owned Land Have No Easement Contractshttp://www.tarsandsblockade.org/redlakeblockade/
 - * From Texas to Appalachia, Putting Our Bodies on the

Line<http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/stop-tennessee-pipeline-article/>

- * Over 100 Hold a "Funeral For Our Future" at TransCanada Office Outside
- Boston<<u>http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/funeralforourfuture/</u>>
 * Moccasins on the Ground to Protect Sacred

Waterhttp://www.tarsandsblockade.org/moccasinsground/

- * Video: Fighting For Cummins Hill Stop the Tennessee Pipeline! http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/5917/>
 - * (+) February (16)http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/2013/02/
- * Protestor Locks Himself to Conference Equipment, Disrupts TransCanada Presentation At Oil Industry Gatheringhttp://www.tarsandsblockade.org/18th-action/
 - * Blockadia Rising: Voices of the Tar Sands

Blockade<http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/blockadiarising/>

- * I Went to Washington D.C.http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/wenttodc/
- * BREAKING: Appalachia Resist!, Ohio Residents Shut Down a Frack Waste Storage Facility in Ohio with Monopod and Banner

Drops<http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/appalacha_resist/

- * The Beehive Design Collective shares their latest work, Mesoamerica Resiste, around Texas this weekhttp://www.tarsandsblockade.org/tx-beehive-collective-tour/
- * Climate Justice Activists in Portland, OR Occupy Exhibit for Tar Sands Profiteer ESCO Corp.http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/portland-esco-action/>
- * Voices of Resistance: Four Women Tell Why They're Rallying in D.C. http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/f17-voices-resistance/
 - * 48 Arrested at White House Fence In Opposition to Keystone

XL<http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/white-house-protest/>

- * Photos of KXL's Life-Threatening Weld Confirm Pipeline Opponents' Fearshttp://www.tarsandsblockade.org/shoddy-weld-on-kxl/
- * Lifelong Oklahoman Youth Pastor Suspended and Locked to KXL Machineryhttp://www.tarsandsblockade.org/gptsr-2ndaction/
- * Join the Week of Action to Stop Tar Sands Profiteers, March 16 23http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/actionweek/>
- * Update from Angelina County<<u>http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/update-from-angelina-county/</u>>
- * TSB Unites with Indigenous Leaders from the Achuar & Shuar Tribes to Stop Ecuador's Amazon Oil Auctionhttp://www.tarsandsblockade.org/amazon-oil-auction/
- * Norman, Oklahoma Resident Elizabeth Leja Locks Her Neck to KXL Machinery in Oklahomahttp://www.tarsandsblockade.org/gptsr/
- * Pipe-Sitters Matt and Isabel Conclude Legal Case in Smith County! http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/matt-and-isabel-case-closed/>
 - * Troublemaker Award<<u>http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/troublemaker-award/</u>>
 - * (+) January (20)<http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/2013/01/>
 - * Blockader Disrupts Oil & Gas Pipeline

Conference<http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/17th-action/>

- * Indigenous Organizers to Hold Round Table Meeting on Tar Sands Resistance and Decolonizationhttp://www.tarsandsblockade.org/roundtable/>
 - * Protect the Sacred From Tar Sands and Keystone XL

Treaty<<u>http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/protect-the-sacred/</u>>

* Great Plains Coalition Announces March Action

 $\frac{Camp}{http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/great-plains-coalition-announces-march-action-camp/>$

- * Idle No More World Day of Action<<u>http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/idlenomore-houston-j28/</u>>
- * Activists Forced to Settle Lawsuit But Will Continue to Fight Keystone XL Pipeline; TransCanada Claimed \$5 Million in Damages http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/legal-settlement/
 - * Tar Sands Free Northeast Demonstration in Portland,

ME<http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/northeast-solidarity-banners/>

* Actions Springing Up for a Tar Sands Free

Northeast<<u>http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/northeast-actions/</u>>

* Statement of Solidarity with Worldwide Tar Sands

Resistance<http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/solidarity-statement/>

* Sacred Land : Idle No More Recap & Upcoming

Events<http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/sacred-land-inm-recap-events/>

* Tar Sands Free Northeast Actions Against the Trailbreaker

Project<http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/trailbreaker/>

- * Western Mass Takes A Stand<<u>http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/western-mass-takes-a-stand/</u>>
- * Bob and Diane Announce End to Hunger Strike on 45th dayhttp://www.tarsandsblockade.org/end-hunger-strike/
 - * VIDEO: January 3rd Aerial Blockade Continues to Halt Construction!

http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/jan3-blockade-video/

* Video: Why We Blockade at TransCanada's Houston Officeshttp://www.tarsandsblockade.org/office-action-video/

* Tar Sands Blockaders Rally In Solidarity With Idle No More at Canadian

- Consulate<http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/idlenomore-houston/>

 * Oklahomans Rally on KXL Easement Through Indigenous Lands to Say: "No Tar
- * Oklahomans Rally on KXL Easement Through Indigenous Lands to Say: "No Tar Sands on Stolen Lands!"http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/first-tar-sands-blockade-oklahoma-action-no-tar-sands-on-stolen-lands/
 - * Over 100 People Storm TransCanada Offices in

Houstonhttp://www.tarsandsblockade.org/houston-action-transcanada-offices/

- * Visiting Audrey and Mike in Jail<http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/audrey-mike-visit/
- * Spectacular Aerial Tree Blockade Halts Construction in Solidarity with Idle No More First Nations Movementhttp://www.tarsandsblockade.org/15th-action/
- * (+) 2012 (137)<<u>http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/2012/</u>>
 - * (+) December (28)<<u>http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/2012/12/</u>>
 - * Matt is out of jail!http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/matt-is-out-of-jail/
- * Manchester Community Puts New Demands on Valero, Hunger Strike Marks 29 dayshttp://www.tarsandsblockade.org/15th-actio-2/
- * Judge reduces Isabel and Matt's bail, Isabel free on bond!

http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/bail-reduction/

- * Highway Blockade Near Fort McMurray<http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/highway-blockade-near-fort-mcmurray/
 - * Glen is Out of Jail!http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/glen-is-out-of-jail/
 - * Justice Delayed is Justice Denied!http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/justice/
 - * Mike Bishop and Supporters Respond to His Case Being Moved to District

Court<http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/bishophearing2/>

- * Diane Wilson's daughter, Santanna, joins hunger strike in solidarity! Mother of twins is on her 4th day without food.http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/santanna solidarit/>
- * Building Bockadia: Training Camp and Mass Action Logistics and Registration (Jan 3-8)http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/buildingblockadialogistic/
- * No More Eminent Domain For Private Gain!http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/sunset-review/
- * Code Pink Sends Statement of Solidarity to Tar Sands Blockade, Diane Wilson & Bob Lindsey<http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/codepink_solidarity/
- * Join Our Mass Action and Training Camp, Jan. 3-8thhttp://www.tarsandsblockade.org/joinjan7/

- * Community Rallies in Support of Michael Bishop as Legal Ruling Allows KXL Construction to Move Forward on His Land
- http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/bishophearing/
- * Diane Wilson & Bob Lindsey send letter of solidarity to incarcerated Tar Sands Blockaders- Isabel, Matt & Glenhttp://www.tarsandsblockade.org/letterofsolidarity/
 - * Judge Halts Construction on Section of KXL!
- http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/judge-halts-construction/
 - * Visiting Our Friends in Jail<<u>http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/glen-visi/</u>>
- * The Texas Jail Project sends statement of solidarity to Tar Sands Blockade, Diane Wilson & Bob Lindseyhttp://www.tarsandsblockade.org/tjp_solidarity/
- * Diane Wilson & Bob Lindsey's Blogs from Day 11 of Their Sustained Hunger Strike<http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/diane_bob_blog_day11/>
- * Solidarity Letter From Germany<http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/solidarity-letter-from-germany/
 - * Landowner's Dream of Sustainable Biofuel Farm Destroyed by
- TransCanada<http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/michael-bishops-struggle-to-save-his-home/>
- * Diane Wilson's Harris County Jail Recordhttp://www.tarsandsblockade.org/diane-wilsons-jail-record/
- * Our friends have been in jail for five days. Let's write them letters of support! http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/letters/>
- * Diane Wilson and Bob Lindsey Recount Their Experiences from the Harris County Jail<http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/diane-bob-harris-county-jail/
 - * Video: Direct Action To Protect Manchester From Valero
- < http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/protectmanchester/>
- * Three People Barricade Themselves Inside Keystone XL Pipe To Halt Constructionhttp://www.tarsandsblockade.org/14th-action/
 - * Nacogdoches Community Bike Ride and Teach-

In<http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/nacbikeride/>

- * Wild Idaho Rising Tide Announces Protests Against
- $\label{lem:megaloads} \begin{tabular}{ll} Megaloads < & http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/wild-idaho-rising-tide-announces-protests-against-megaloads/> & http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/wild-idaho-rising-tide-announces-protests-against-megaloads/ & http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/wild-idaho-rising-tide-announces-protests-against-megaloads/ & http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/wild-idaho-rising-tide-announces-protests-against-megaloads/ & http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/wild-idaho-rising-tide-announces-protests-against-megaloads/ & http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/wild-idaho-rising-tide-announces-protests-against-megaloads/ & http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/wild-idaho-rising-tide-announces-protests-against-megaloads/ & http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/wild-idaho-rising-tide-announces-protests-agains-megaloads/ & http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/wild-idaho-rising-megaloads/ & http://www.ta$
 - * Landowner Announces New Lawsuit at

Rally<http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/lawsuitrrc/>

- * (+) November (20)<<u>http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/2012/11/</u>>
- * Potential Secretary of State Susan Rice Has Millions Invested in Tar Sandshttp://www.tarsandsblockade.org/secretaryofstate/
- * Sustained Hunger Strike Launched with Blockade at Valero's Houston Refinery<http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/13th-action/>
 - * Solidarity with the Unist'ot'en Clan to Say #NoPipelines!
- <http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/unistoten/>
 - * From The Trees: The Way Back Home (Day 65)

<http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/day65/>

- * Welcome to Manchester, a Houston Neighborhood Living in the Shadow of Valerohttp://www.tarsandsblockade.org/manchester/
 - * Solidarity Actionshttp://www.tarsandsblockade.org/solidarity-actions/
 - * Our 11 Heroes Have Been Released From

Jail<http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/massactionaid/

* Video: Cherokee County police officer is shunned for pepper spraying locals.

http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/nov19video/

- * 120 People Stop Keystone XL Construction: Four Lock to Machinery, Nacogdoches Student and Two Others Launch New Tree Blockade<http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/12th-action/
 - * DC Tells Obama to Do the Math and say

#NoKXL<http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/do-the-math-dc/>

* Solidarity Action in NYC - Stop Spectra Pipeline

Coalitionhttp://www.tarsandsblockade.org/solidarityactions2/

- * Over 40 Climate Solidarity Actions Launch Worldwide to Defend Our Homes From Dirty Energy and Climate Changehttp://www.tarsandsblockade.org/solidarityactions1/>
 - * TransCanada Bulldozes Texas Farmer's Renewable Biofuels Business (Day 51)

<http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/day51/>

* Children Playing Near the Valero Refinery In

Houston<http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/childrennearvalero/>

* Join the Mass Action to Stop Keystone XL -- Monday, Nov. 19th (Day 48)

http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/day48/

- * Vermont Stands with Tar Sands Blockade<http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/vermont-stands-with-tar-sands-blockde/
 - * Video: Tar Sands Effects on the Houston Refinery Communities (Day 46)

http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/day46/

* Is This TransCanada's Idea of a "Good Neighbor"? (Day 45)

http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/day45/>

* Washington D.C. #NoKXL Solidarity Action - November, 5th

2012<http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/dcsolidarity/>

- * Green Party Presidential Candidate Resupplies Winnsboro Tree Blockade as New Tree Blockade is Launched http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/green-party-pres/
 - * (+) October (45)<<u>http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/2012/10/</u>>
- * Green Party Pres. Candidate Dr. Jill Stein Resupplies Winnsboro Tree Blockade as New Tree Blockade is Launched in Sacul, TX (Day 38)

http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/11th-action/

- * From The Trees: "Their Police" (Day 37)<http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/from-the-trees-their-police-day-37/
 - * TranScamada Strikes Again (Day 36) < http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/day36/>
- * Why Oppose the Keystone XL?<<u>http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/why-oppose-the-keystone-xl/</u>>
 - * From The Trees: A Diary Excerpt From Cat Ripley (Day 35)

http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/day35/>

* VIDEO: Speaking Truth to Power From the Trees (Day 34)

http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/day34/

* Last Night in East Texas We Held a Community

Panel<http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/last-night-in-east-texas/>

- * SLAPPed, Arrested, Deemed Eco-Terrorists: TransCanada Blockaders Persevere http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/truthout/>
 - * Two More Join The Tree Blockade (Day 32)

http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/day32/

- * VIDEO: Solidarity from the Pacific Coast of Canada to the Gulf Coast of Texashttp://www.tarsandsblockade.org/solidarity-from-canada-to-texas/
 - * Gulf Coast Oilfield Wife, Mother of 6, Cherri Foytlin Chains Self to Keystone XL

Pipeyard Gate<http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/10th-action/

* Tree Blockade Sustains an Entire Month of Resistance!

<http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/onemonth/>

* Video: Planetary Service Announcement (Day 30)

http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/day30/

* Jerry Patterson Doesn't Speak for Texas Landowners (Day 29)

http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/day29/

- * Re-claiming the Tree Blockade from TransCanada One Blockader's Story (Day 25) < http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/day25/>
- * TransCanada's Police Abuse Peaceful Blockader A First Hand Account of the Arrest (Day 24)http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/day24/>
- * Over 50 Enter Tree Blockade in Defiance of Police Repression to Defend Tree-Sitters<http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/9th-action/>
- * Video: TransCanada Denying Food and Water to Peaceful Blockaders (Day 21) http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/day21/>
 - * A Wall Against the Threshold Of Collapse (Day 20)

http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/day20/

* We're On the Front Page of the New York Times Online!

http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/nytimes/

* Video: What Its Like on the Ground Defending the Tree Blockade (Day 19)

http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/day19/>

* Police Paid by TransCanada Detain New York Times Journalists on Private Propertyhttp://www.tarsandsblockade.org/freepress/>

* From the Trees -- A Long Walk to Freedom (Day 18)

http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/day18/

* Texas Man Climbs Tree in Nature Preserve to Stop Keystone

XL<<u>http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/8th-action/</u>>

* Video: Bill McKibben Gives A Shout Out to the Blockade in

Austin<http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/billaustin/>

- * From the Trees: "Forever Wild, Forever Wild, Let it Stay Forever Wild" (Day 17) < http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/day17/>
- * Two Freelance Journalists Arrested While Reporting on Tree Blockade (Day16) http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/day16/>
- * Video: TransCanada Operating Heavy Machinery 20 Feet From Tree Blockader (Day 15)http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/day15/>
 - * Join Our Direct Action Training Camp (Oct 12-14)

http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/actioncamp1/>

- * Dreaming Eighty Feet In The Air (Day 14)http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/day14/>
- * Tree Blockade Standing Strong Despite Repression (Day 13)

http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/day13/>

* A Firsthand Account of Shannon's Retroactive

Arrest<<u>http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/shannon-arrest/</u>>

* Insult to Injury: Shannon Retroactively Arrested for a

Felony<http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/shannon/

- * Letter from Supporters on Police Brutality<<u>http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/letter-police-brutality/</u>>
 - * An Open Letter From Our

Supporters<http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/opensupportletter/>

* Daryl Hannah, 78 year old Landowner Arrested for "Trespassing" on Landowner's Farmhttp://www.tarsandsblockade.org/darylandeleanor/

- * Tree Blockade Is Under Siege (Day 11)<<u>http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/day11/</u>>
- * Maggie Has Been Arrested After Sitting On a 40 Foot Pole to Delay Keystone XL

Clear-Cutting for Two Entire Days<http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/maggie/

- * Five Minutes With A Tree-Sitter<<u>http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/cpinterview/</u>>
- * Video: Eleanor Reacts to TransCanada Destroying Her

Land<<u>http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/eleanor/</u>>

* Action Video -- Maggie Delaying KXL For Another Day (Day 10)

http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/day10/>

* Texan Climbs 40 Foot Pole in Path of Keystone XL Clear Cut (Day 9)

http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/tree-sit-day9/

* Environmental Justice: Why I Got Arrested to Stop Keystone

XL<<u>http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/environmental-justice-why-i-got-arrested-to-stop-keystone-xl/</u>></u>

* Blockader Locks to Underground Capsule to Protect a Family

Farm<http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/7th-action/>

- * Tree Blockade Weathers an Intense Week (Day 8)
- http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/tree-sit-day8/
 - * (+) September (21)<<u>http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/2012/09/</u>>
- * Tar Sands is Going to Poison Our Water<<u>http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/tar-sands-is-going-to-poison-our-water/</u>>
 - * From The Trees (Day 7)<<u>http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/from-the-trees/</u>>
- * VIDEO: The Texas Tree Village<http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/video-the-texas-tree-village/
 - * Keystone XL Destroys David Hightower's

Home<http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/keystone-xl-destroys-david-hightowers-home/>

- * Clear-Cutting Crews Near Tree Blockade -- Sheriff Assisting TransCanada (Day 6) http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/tree-sit-day6/
 - * Heavy Machinery, Police Approaching Tree Blockade (Day 5)

http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/tree-sit-day5/

- * VIDEO: TransCanada Worker Attempts to Drop Tree on Peaceful Blockader (Day 4) http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/video-transcanada-worker-attempts-to-drop-tree-on-peaceful-blockader-day-4/
- * Tree Cutting Machines Within 20 Feet of Nine Blockaders in Trees in Path of Keystone XL (Day 3)http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/tree-sit-day3/>
- * TransCanada Actively Encouraged Torture Tactics to be Used on Peaceful Protesters (Day 3)http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/transcanada-torture/
- * Two People Lock Themselves to Keystone XL Machinery to Defend Eight People in Tree Blockade (Day 2)<http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/tree-sit-day2/>
- * Eight People Climb Trees And Start Indefinite Tree Sit to Stop Keystone XL (Day 1) http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/tree-sit-launch/>
 - * 5 Blockaders Arrested For Stopping Keystone XL

Machinery<http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/4th-action/>

- * Watch Our Action Packed Video -- Join Our Next
- Action<<u>http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/actionvideo/</u>>
- * "I just wish they would go away"<<u>http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/i-just-wish-they-would-go-away/</u>>
 - * Video: Texas Landowners Resist Keystone

XL<<u>http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/video-texas-landowners-resist-keystone-xl/</u>>

- * Texas Rice Farmers Challenge TransCanada's Eminent Domain Claims in Court<http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/texas-rice-farmers-challenge-transcanadas-eminent-domain-claims-in-court/
- * Community Rallies to Defend David Hightower's Home Vineyardhttp://www.tarsandsblockade.org/community-rallies-to-defend-david-hightowers-home-vineyard/
- * 3 Blockaders Locked to Equipment Stop Work at Keystone XL Site<http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/3rd-action/>
- * Don't Frack New York Fights Backhttp://www.tarsandsblockade.org/dont-frack-new-york-fights-back/
- * Correcting the Spin: TransCanada's Convenient Untruthshttp://www.tarsandsblockade.org/correcting-the-spin-transcanadas-convenient-untruths/
- * One Year Later: Tar Sands Action and the Climate Justice Movementhttp://www.tarsandsblockade.org/one-year-later-tar-sands-action-and-the-climate-justice-movement/
 - * (+) August (10)<<u>http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/2012/08/</u>>
- * Seven Arrested for Blocking KXL Pipe Truck -- Halt Site Work For Dayhttp://www.tarsandsblockade.org/2nd-action/>
- * We Are Ready for Action: Will You Join Us?http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/we-are-ready-for-action-will-you-join-us/
- * The Time Has Come: A Call to Action<<u>http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/the-time-has-come-a-call-to-action/</u>>
- * Why Oppose the Keystone XL Pipeline?http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/why-oppose-the-keystone-xl-pipeline/
 - * Standing With Julia: Courts Trample Landowners Rights,

Again<http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/standing-with-julia-courts-trample-landowners-rights-again/>

- * Construction of Keystone XL Begins, Met by Day of Action Across Texas and Oklahomahttp://www.tarsandsblockade.org/breaking-construction-of-keystone-xl-begins-met-by-day-of-action-across-texas-and-oklahoma/
- * Schlumberger Fracking Shutdown Joins Summer of Solidarity<<u>http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/schlumberger-fracking-shutdown-joins-summer-of-solidarity/</u>>
- * Video: Why I'm Joining Tar Sands Blockade<http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/video-why-im-joining-tar-sands-blockade/
- * Tar sands blockade: Grassroots effort to stop reworked Keystone XL pipeline http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/tar-sands-blockade-grassroots-effort-to-stop-reworked-keystone-xl-pipeline/
- * Seventy Reasons to Be Inspired<<u>http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/seventy-reasons-to-be-inspired/</u>>
 - * (+) July (4)<<u>http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/2012/07/</u>>
- * URGENT: Help Our Brothers and Sisters in West Virginia. http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/urgent-help-our-brothers-and-sisters-in-west-virginia/
- * Texas Landowner Halts TransCanada Surveyors in Their Trackshttp://www.tarsandsblockade.org/texas-landowner-halts-transcanada-surveyors-in-

their-tracks/>

- * Press Release: Tar Sands Blockade Sends President Obama a Messagehttp://www.tarsandsblockade.org/press-release-tar-sands-blockade-sends-president-obama-a-message/
- * Putting Our Bodies on the Pipeline<<u>http://www.tarsandsblockade.org/putting-ourbodies-on-the-pipeline-why-im-joining-the-tar-sands-blockade/</u>>
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